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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Psychological Strategy

SUBJECT : Plan []

Plan [] as submitted on September 6, seems to me an adequate general directive. As requested in point 3 of the memorandum attached to it, I approve it.

CIA is, of course, already engaged in operations designed to achieve the objectives set forth in Annexes B through G. I have, however, issued instructions for the submission of detailed plans to insure that these and future operations designed to achieve the objectives are fully coordinated through the Psychological Strategy Board. I would ask you to note that new operations, after they are approved, will require some time to set in motion, and further, that once set in motion they may not be easily susceptible to cancellation.

As a precautionary measure, CIA is also developing a suggested procedure for the handling of CIA plans within the Psychological Strategy Board which will endeavor to insure the secrecy of these very delicate operations.

I have one minor suggestion on the wording of the plan as presented, namely, that the plan request the build-up prior to termination of Korean armistice negotiations of the expectancy that if negotiations are broken off, it will be only as the result of Communist insincerity, duplicity and intransigence. If carried into effect precisely as presently worded, the plan might give the Soviet the opportunity, should they decide to proceed speedily toward an armistice, to appear in neutralist eyes as the innocent and guileless recipient of aggressive abuse.

Signed

WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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